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FORMATION OF PHARMACIL IN CONTRAVENTION OF ITS OWN GUIDELINES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pharmaceutical exporter can register either with Chemexcil or Pharmacil Export Promotion Council;

(b) membership strength of pharmaceutical exporter of both these Export Promotion Council separately;

(c) the justification of the Government action in notifying formation of Pharmacil in contravention of it own guidelines laid down for formation of export councils/forums;

(d) rationale behind having the headquarter of Pharmacil at Hyderabad constituting not more than 25 per cent of the total export of pharmaceutical Industry;

(e) whether Government is considering the transfer of headquarter from Hyderabad to other metro cities; and

(f) percentage of chemxcil members petitioned to form Pharmacil and the steps taken to verify the genuineness of exporters ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) As per DGFT notification, a pharmaceutical exporter desiring to obtain RCMC shall apply to Pharmexcil. However, the exporter has the option to take the membership of any other Export Promotion Council in addition.

(b) Chemexcil has 2147 pharmaceutical exporters while Pharmexcil has about 400 members

(c) The Council was notified after the Industry fulfilled the criterion of raising a corpus fund of Rs.3.00 crores. There is no violation of guidelines. EPC for export promotion of drugs and pharmaceuticals has been set up to take advantage of the growth of the sector.

(d) The choice of location of Hyderabad as the headquarters was that of the Industry and not imposed by the Government.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) No request has been received from Chemexcil for formation of a separate Council.